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Like my Ancestors Before Me



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Chapter 1 by Phantim

I'd always known my family used to be witches and warlocks. Things were just that way in my small town. Even if my puritan parents might have detached from our old family traditions, the others in town did not so easily forget. The adults kept their disdain for us to mere snobby looks, but bless the little children who first called me "witch." I was shocked at first, magic was heresy, if it was even to be believed to be real. I had been told such things were reserved for fantasies and fairy tails. Even those my parents had been reluctant to read to me. Only the Bible was to be read in our home. But I kept searching where they couldn't watch me...

Years later I stumbled upon it while reading through the public library... the old newspaper clippings about my family. Even some old journal entries kept in the historic section. My family's dark secret: Devil worship, witchcraft, debauchery. Another article about my grandmother revealed an even better secret... I had an aunt. She hadn't given up on our heritage anymore than I had, or at least, that's what I would soon come to find out...

Chapter 2 by JM



She lived on a self-sustained farm miles from town where she kept cows and sheep and where she maintained the traditions from which my family had vehemently turned away from.

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expecting. Ominous mists, maybe? A thick patch of forest, gothic architecture, a cauldron out back where the well stood?

As I walked closer to the house, I realised that everything was normal there, too. A ratty old rug stood in front of the door. The two windows on either side had flowerpots beneath them, filled with fresh pansies. In the air was the faint smell of fresh bread.

There was even a doorbell instead of a gnarled old knocker. When I pressed it, it chimed pleasantly inside the house.

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